

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 5, 1999. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the farm crisis.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 5, 1999, to conduct a hearing on pending nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 5, 1999 at 2:15 p.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet for an executive business meeting, during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 5, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in room 628 of the Senate Dirksen Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 5, 1999, to conduct a hearing on the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance restructuring of HUD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

A TRIBUTE TO MARILEE SMILEY

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Marilee Smiley of Fenton, MI in recognition of her service as Supreme Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters. I extend to her my heartfelt congratulations for her service.

Marilee Smiley is a woman who has consistently demonstrated her commitment to the ideals of Masonry and the International Order of Job's Daughters. This exemplary organization is dedicated to instilling in young women, age eleven to twenty, the char-

acter traits necessary for success as human beings and citizens of our great land. In this quest, Mrs. Smiley has contributed her very best, and the young women she has so ably guided have been the beneficiaries.

Marilee Smiley has had tremendous impact not only in MI, but nationally and internationally. A woman of high principles, Marilee has utilized her intelligence, concern for youth, belief in humanity, and leadership abilities to serve others through participation in the International Order of Job's Daughters for forty-three years. As a youth she held various offices, including Honored Queen of Bethel No. 30, and the Grand Blanc and Michigan Grand Bethel Representative to California. As an adult leader she also held various offices in Bethel No. 30 of Grand Blanc, Bethel No. 50 of Lansing-Okemos, and Bethel No. 58 of Lansing, including serving as Bethel Guardian of Bethels No. 1, 2, 50, and 58.

Marilee Smiley has exemplified the character traits taught to her as a young woman in her continuing association with the International Order of Job's Daughters. As an adult leader, she was awarded the Triangle of Honor, the highest honor that the Grand Council of Michigan can bestow an adult leader.

This fine lady has also held several positions with the Grand Guardian Council of Michigan of the International Order of Job's Daughters, serving as Grand Guardian during the 1982-83 year.

She has continued her service to the International Order of Job's Daughters, holding several positions with the Supreme Council. Her services have included several committee offices, including serving the Board of Trustees from 1992 through 1995, and currently serving as Supreme Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters, the highest position an adult leader may hold.

Along with her work with the International Order of Job's Daughters, Marilee raised three wonderful children with her husband Ken. She taught them the importance of being involved in the community as well as volunteering. She was actively involved with Swim Clubs and Swim Boosters as all of her children swam competitively year-round.

Marilee Smiley deserves the highest tribute in recognition of her service as Supreme Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters.●

RETIREMENT OF WILLIAM M. DEMPSEY

• Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, today I rise to honor Mr. William M. Dempsey who will retire from the U.S. Marshals Service on August 28, 1999. He has served as a Public Affairs Specialist with the Marshals Service for 23 years.

Mr. Dempsey has more than four and a half decades of experience in public affairs positions with various civilian,

government and military organizations. For twenty years, from 1955-1975, he served with the U.S. Air Force in several positions. During the period 1959-1961 he served as a Public Information Officer with the U.S. Taiwan Defense Command. He later served a tour of duty in South Vietnam as Director of Information for all U.S. rescue and recovery activities. From 1968-1972 he served on the staff of the Secretary of the Air Force.

In late 1976, Mr. Dempsey joined the U.S. Marshals Service as a Public Affairs Specialist. In that capacity, he implemented a public affairs strategy for the agency, advised senior officials on public information aspects of major operational matters, and was frequently the agency's spokesman to the media. His extensive experience with national, regional, and local media organizations has benefitted the Marshals Service and the American public for more than two decades.

Mr. Dempsey graduated from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He also has completed graduate level study in Public Relations/Communications at Boston University. He resides in Fairfax, Virginia, near the Arlington headquarters of the U.S. Marshals Service.

I am honoring Mr. Dempsey on the Senate floor today as a way of thanking him for his service to the law enforcement community, the public affairs community, and our nation.●

TRIBUTE TO HOPE ANDERSON

• Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Hope Anderson. Hope is a constituent of mine and recently graduated as the valedictorian at Lake City High School in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Her valedictory address touched many of those who heard it, so I would like to take a minute of the Senate's time to enter the text of her speech into the RECORD.

A pair of laughing teenage boys gunned down fourteen students and one teacher in Littleton, Colorado a few weeks ago. Many of you asked yourselves the question, "How could such an atrocity occur?" Now I want you to ponder the question, "How could this NOT happen?"

Our nation was founded upon moral principles, but its moral fabric is being ripped apart. Our deviation from basic ethical principles has corroded our very foundations as a country. I believe it is a time to change: when our children are not safe in school; when our society deems it more important to be politically correct than morally correct; when we don't give the needy a hand up and instead force our government to give them a hand out; when the marriage vows "I do" mean "I might"; when the most dangerous place for a baby is in its mother's womb; when political elections are often a choice between the lesser of two evils; when there is no such thing as absolute truth; and when In God We Trust is engraved upon our currency but not on the hearts of the people, that is